



## **EMDAC MEETING MINUTES**

**September 21, 2010**

**San Diego, CA**

### **In Attendance**

Jerry Allison, Joe Barger, Evan Bloom, John Brown, David Chase, Troy Falck, Hernando Garzon, Jay Goldman, Bruce Haynes, Bill Koenig, Richard Lotsch, Mark Luoto, Kevin Mackey, Neil Markus, Howie Michaels, Ken Miller, Humberto Ochoa, Catherine Ord, Thomas Ronay, Angelo Salvucci, David Shatz, Benjamin Squire, Ken Stiver, Sam Stratton, Gary Tamkin, William Teufel, Steve Tharratt, Reza Vaezazizi, Tue Nguyen, Selinda Shontz, Bonnie Sinz, Dave Magnino

### **Scope of Practice Committee Presentation**

1. Contra Costa County EMS Agency  
Addition of Ondansetron hydrochloride (Zofran) to the paramedic local optional scope of practice (Approved)
2. Trial Study  
Sierra-Sacramento EMS Agency  
Approval of the CO-Oximeter trial study for the use of non-invasive CO-Oximeter device by properly trained and approved paramedic personnel (Approved)
3. Discussion
  - A. EMSA Scope of Practice Position Statements:  
EMDAC provided positive input regarding these documents prepared by EMSA.
  - B. IMMEDIATE Trial Study:  
Dr. Salvucci discussed possible future EMS trial study.

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Teufel presented an update on AB2456 and its current status.

Merits of having an "executive session" during regular EMDAC meetings were discussed. The group could not reach consensus on this and no action was recommended.

### **Joint Meeting with EMSAAC**

Dr. Steve Tharratt provided the update from EMSA on the following topics:

1. California State Budget problems and its impact on EMSA operations
2. Update on 2156
3. Position Statement update now posted on EMSA website
4. EMR program and EMSA vision of its development

Dr. Angelo Salvucci presented a brief update on the work currently underway in developing a Statewide EMS STEMI registry.

Dr. Stratton discussed methods of interpreting field ECGs by paramedics, transmission to STEMI centers, and machine interpretation algorithms.

### **Afternoon Session**

#### **Congenital Adrenal Deficiency**

Dr. Mitchell Gefnner from Children's Hospital, Los Angeles made a presentation to the group in support of adding some form of administration of Glucocorticoid to the state scope of practice for Paramedics. After careful consideration and discussion, EMDAC and its Scope of practice committee, could not support this proposal. The group felt there is insufficient data to support safety and efficacy of Steroid use in pre-hospital setting. EMDAC agreed that monitoring the outcome of several pilot studies currently underway in parts of United States will be important and will be willing to reconsider this topic once more EMS specific data is available from these studies. Additionally, the group encouraged the local EMS medical directors to provide targeted education to our EMS community to raise awareness about this disease and the need for early treatment.

#### **POLST Form Update**

Proposed changes were reviewed by Dr. Goldman.

#### **Election of Officers for 2011**

Election of officers was held and the following individuals were elected for 2011:

President:	Sam Stratton, MD; Orange County EMS Agency
President Elect:	Bruce Haynes, MD; San Diego County EMS Agency
Treasurer:	Richard Lotsch, MD; Solano County EMS Agency
Secretary:	Hernando Garzon, MD; Sacramento County EMS Agency
Active Member-at-large:	Humberto Ochoa, MD; Riverside County EMS Agency
Associate Member-at-large:	David Schatz, MD; UC Davis Trauma Surgery

#### **Roundtable**

Members participated in a roundtable discussion, providing updates on EMS operations at their respective regions.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

#### **Next Meeting**

**Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel**  
**Crystal Lounge 11th Floor**  
**609 Sutter Street**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102**  
**November 30, 2010**  
**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**